



2019 Zinfandel Reserve, Dry Creek Valley

History

Since 1996, Dashe Cellars has been making Zinfandels from the Dry Creek Valley. Our Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel is the flagmark wine of the Dashe Cellars label.

To make this special Dry Creek Reserve wine, we've selected two of our favorite vineyards from the region and tasted every barrel, to select the best. We wanted to show the distinctive characteristics of the Dry Creek Valley, by blending a wine with an intensity, complex spectrum of flavors, and balance of fruit and bright acidity. This is a particularly lovely and fruit-forward wine—a classic, balanced Dry Creek Zinfandel.

Production

The vintage of 2019 was a relief to us, since the Sonoma winecountry did not experience any wildfires until quite late in the season. By the time the fires started in late October, we had already picked perfectly ripened grapes in our main Dry Creek Valley vineyards.

The wine was fermented using only the natural yeast population on the grapes—our tradition at Dashe Cellars—and the resulting wine shows off the terroir of the vineyards beautifully. The wine was aged for 16 months in 20% new French oak barrels, and the remainder in older French oak barrels to gain the softness of oak aging without adding excessive oak flavors. Before the final blend, we tasted all our barrels to select out only the best Zinfandel lots for this reserve wine. Finally, in our blending trials, we added about 10% of Petite Sirah, for structure, depth, and long aging potential.

Production Notes :

Varietals

90% Zinfandel
10% Petite Sirah

Appellation

Dry Creek Valley,
Sonoma County

Alcohol

14.5% by vol.

Time in oak

16 months

Oak

80% 1-year
or older French oak
20% new french oak

Production

500 cases, 750ml

Optimum time for consumption

2022-2035



Tasting Notes:

Color: Reddish-purple

Aroma: Blackberry, black currant, hints of cherry liqueur and chocolate, with an underlying floral component of violets.

Taste: Beautiful velvety texture; blackberry, cherry, and cassis, hints of chocolate and licorice, great acidity and balance. Finishes with a long and balanced sweet red-fruit finish.